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JUNE 1, 2012 CROP ACREAGE

Alabama experienced almost ideal spring conditions with mild temperatures and rain across the state. Most of the state is ahead of schedule in planting and crop production. As of June 3, the average crop condition for **corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans** was 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 3 percent excellent, while Alabama's soil moisture condition was rated 15 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 49 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Producers indicate planted acreage for the four major crops (**corn, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans**) at 1,200,000 acres, unchanged from 2011.

The June 1 *Agricultural Survey* conducted by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Alabama Field Office, provides crop acreages for 2012 based on a survey of 1,227 agricultural producers. Of Alabama's four major row crops, the estimated acres are: **Corn** planted acres will increase 7 percent from 2011. **Cotton** planted acres will decrease 15 percent from 2011, while both **Soybean** and **Peanut** planted acres will increase 10 and 12 percent respectively.

Crop Planting Forecast for 2012:

Corn producers indicated they will plant 290,000 acres in 2012, an increase of 20,000 over 2011.

Cotton, at 390,000 acres, reflects a 70,000 acre decrease over 2011.

Peanut producers indicate they will plant 190,000 acres, 20,000 more acres than in 2011.

Soybeans, at 330,000 acres, is 30,000 more above acres planted in 2011.

Hay, at 820,000 harvested acres, is 20,000 acres above the 800,000 acres harvested in 2011.

Winter wheat, with 220,000 seeded acres, showed no change since 2011.

Oats, at 50,000 seeded acres, showed a 5,000 acre increase from 2011.

Sweet potato planted acres, at 2,600 acres, unchanged from revised 2011.

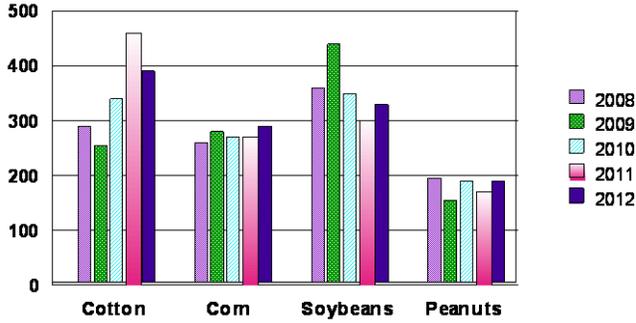
Alabama and United States: June Acreage for 2012 with Comparisons to 2011

Crop	Alabama				United States			
	2011 Planted	Indicated 2012 Planted	% Change from Previous Year	Indicated 2012 Harvested	2011 Planted	Indicated 2012 Planted	% Change from Previous Year	Indicated 2012 Harvested
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres
Peanuts	170	190	+12	186	1,141	1,526	+34	1,486
Oats	45	50	+11	20	2,496	2,746	+10	1,091
Soybeans	300	330	+10	325	74,976	76,080	+1	75,315
Corn	270	290	+7	260	91,921	96,405	+5	88,851
Cotton	460	390	-15	N/A	14,735.4	12,635.0	-14	N/A
Sweet Potatoes	2.6	2.6	0	2.5	133.6	131.4	-2	128.5
All Wheat ¹	220	220	0	180	54,409	56,017	+3	48,826
Hay ²	—	—	—	820	—	—	—	57,669

¹ Planted previous fall. ² Acres for harvest.

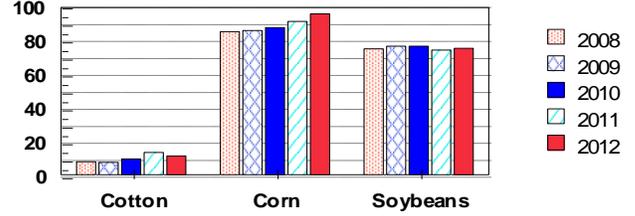
Alabama Planted Crop Acreages Five Year Comparison (2008-2012)

Thousand Acres

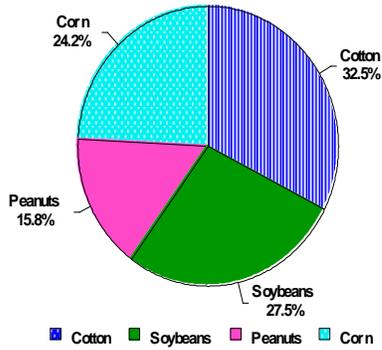


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Alabama Principal Row Crops, 2012 1,200,000 Planted Acres



Soybean Planted Acres, 2012 Selected States

